

## THE SPRECKELS' LINE.

## A Very Decided Stand Made by the Australian Unions.

A meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Federated Trades was held in the Phelan building, San Francisco, for the purpose of discussing the action taken by the Australian Unions in the matter of the strike on the Spreckels steamers. Andrew White, the Australian delegate, read the following letter from his Union:

"Dear Sir: At a meeting of the Stewards and Cooks' Union of Australia, on the 20th of December, and after a meeting of the Maritime Labor Council held on the 2nd of December, it was unanimously resolved that steps be taken on and after the 1st of May next to prevent Chinese crews being carried on any of the steamers in the San Francisco mail service, and that the places of such Chinese be taken by members of the Australian Maritime Union."

In conveying this resolution to you I need scarcely express to you the regret felt here by the respective Unions that the necessity for such a step being taken should have arisen, but as you are no doubt aware, our great contention is against Chinese under any circumstances. From reports given to your newspapers, we are convinced that by giving away little you might risk a great deal of the future, and if you cannot see your way clear to do so, we may perform our duty to ourselves."

We understand that in consequence of premature strikes, misconduct and generally arbitrary proceedings, J. D. Spreckels has demanded from your Union a bond of \$1,200. Should such a case occur in the Colonies the bond would be furnished without hesitation. We therefore trust that you will come to some amicable arrangement and prevent the unpleasant business of our taking any action calculated to be prejudicial to your interests. Yours faithfully, J. S. KERRAWAY, Secretary Stewards' and Cooks' Union and Maritime Labor Council, Sydney, December, 1886.

The Committee decided to try and bring the interested Unions to agree to these terms, and at last night's meeting of the Federated Trades matter was brought to the notice of the Council. Andrew White spoke at length on the matter.

## Silver.

The following review of the silver market for 1886, published in an eastern paper, shows how steadily the value of silver has depreciated since 1874 when the lowest price was 64½¢ in the London market.

Silver has remained upon a low level during the year. It cannot be said that any decisive effect has been exerted upon the value of the metal by the policy of the United States in connection with its coinage. Owing to the demoralized state of the Indian exchange the summer the price of silver bars in the London market fell on August 1 to 64½¢ per ounce, the lowest price on record.

The extreme low prices for silver, indeed, pointed at once to the closing of many western mines and smelting works as unprofitable, but a stronger feeling appeared a little later on, which carried the price of bars back to about the opening figures of the year. The inducements upon the market seem to have had reference mainly to Indian exchange and trade between England and India. The course of the London market for the year 1886, and the highest and lowest price of bar silver per ounce for several years back, are given in the following table:

Opening	Close	Lowest	Highest
1874	64½	64½	64½
1875	64½	64½	64½
1876	64½	64½	64½
1877	64½	64½	64½
1878	64½	64½	64½
1879	64½	64½	64½
1880	64½	64½	64½
1881	64½	64½	64½
1882	64½	64½	64½
1883	64½	64½	64½
1884	64½	64½	64½
1885	64½	64½	64½
1886	64½	64½	64½

## Instead of Cane Sugar.

The new substitute for sugar called saccharine, formerly known as anhydrous or sulphuric benzoic acid, was discovered seven years ago by Dr. Constantine Leubner, a German-American from New York. Its sweetness is so great that one or two parts of saccharine mixed with 1000 parts of glucose will bring the latter up to the sweetness of cane sugar. This last-named mixture is not injurious in any way, and will be generally used by bakers, confectioners, candy makers, distillers, and others.

What with highly subsidized beet root sugar, and glucose prepared in the way mentioned above, the unfortunate cane planter and sugar manufacturer, has the market pretty well saturated when his produce arrives there. However it is not all beer and skittles for the opponents of cane sugar, as the following extract from the London Times, relative to Russian beet sugar will show. The Times correspondent says:

"The Russian government has given such an impulse to over-production by bounties and encouragements that a large number of sugar manufacturers who have produced under this official encouragement, and cannot now place all their stocks on the foreign market, are threatened with complete disaster and ruin unless they can induce the government to favor their present position for a compulsory reduction of the yearly production to a given level all around. Having pushed on the trade to unnatural proportions by all kinds of enticements, the government is now asked to check over-production by an imperial ukase. The Moscow Press has already written, giving voluntes to prove, very properly, that if the government do this it will only play again into the hands of speculating manufacturers and merchants. The commission, I hear, is divided on the proposition of reducing the production, with twelve members for and only four against it. It is expected that the Emperor will decide for the minority, as he did in the question of closing free transit through the Caucasus."

## The Central Factory System.

The following paragraph which we take from *Bondstreets*, may strengthen an idea which our Sugar Manufacturers have of the considered. If Louisiana finds that the Central Mill System will pay, Hawaii ought not to be behind hand.

The paragraph says:—The low price of sugar at present and its effect upon the planters of Louisiana, has started an agitation which is likely to be far-reaching in results. The competition of beet sugar has rendered cane sugar-growing so much less profitable that at a recent meeting of the sugar-growers of St. Mary's Parish, Louisiana, some interesting figures and facts were given out, going to show that a change is necessary, and pointing to the direction in which the change could be successfully made. The plan in brief is to divorce the growing of sugar-cane from the manufacturing branch of the trade. At present the raising of sugar is in the hands of large planters who grow the cane as well as possess machinery for grinding and boiling the product. Small farmers are thus not able to share in the industry. A central factory system was proposed at the meeting which would provide for a general handling of all cane on a sort of cooperative principle. The New Orleans *Picayune*, in commenting on the plan, does not appear to be greatly interested. It suggests cold storage warehouses in which the cane could be deposited until ready for working. Warehouse receipts could then be issued which could be made transferable and pass at their face value. In addition to the warehouse, of course the factory would contain the latest improved machinery for converting the product. The result would be a concentration of the industry accompanied by a considerable cheapening of the finished product, which would enable the sugar planters of Louisiana to compete with the beet-root product. These are in brief the suggestions made by the *Picayune*. Some figures submitted of a central factory system show a considerable profit over the present system, which is universally admitted to be no longer possible with profit. No figures, of course, are as yet available as to the cost of the system proposed by the *Picayune*. The probable effect upon the sugar industry as stated above no doubt would be very great.

## Prince Bismarck on Journalists.

The German Chancellor has no elevated opinion of the profession of journalism, and the remark he once made in the Parliament, that journalists were men who had misadventured their vocation, was only the essence of an

opinion expressed to a man of letters in 1862, and which has now found its way into a Paris journal. He said:—"In my opinion there is nothing in the world more useless than newspapers. They only serve to create strife among men and between Governments. Instead of directing public opinion they mislead it. Instead of providing for future historians a chronicle of events, they spread abroad false news or pervert facts by enveloping them in fictitious surroundings; and all that because journalists have only learned one thing, to write well; because they know nothing of the world, and above all politics—the heel of my boot knows more than they do—and who speak like oracles on matters about which they are entirely ignorant. If I were the Government I would restrict them to recording simple facts. I would forbid them all discussion, or I would suppress them, which would be still better."

## Sir William Gull and the Deafman.

Sir William told us the following delicious tale of simple unreasoning faith in quacks: An elderly man consulted him about stomach complaints, but there was a formidable obstacle to diagnosis in the patient being horn-deaf. "What do you have for dinner?" roared Sir William into his right lug. "Oh, no!" was the reply, "plenty of that—two miles regularly after breakfast, and two more before dinner." "How long do you lie abed of a morning?" "Well, doctor, I shall be sixty nine this day three weeks." Without further parley the doctor gave him some simple prescription, the form and manuscript of which he seemed much to admire for a little; and then, offering his fee, he retired. But at the door he turned round, and in the loud rattling tones of one long very deaf called out, "Doctor, can you cure deafness?" Sir William bowed, shook his head and made his lips express "No." "I thought so! You have been very kind to me; therefore I make you welcome to this prescription," which he pulled from his pocket, adding, "It cured me!"

## A New Remedy for the Headache.

We clip the following from the Physicians and Surgeons' Investigator—a good medical authority:

The remedy is nothing more nor less than a solution of the bi-sulphide of carbon. A wide-mouth glass stoppered bottle is half filled with cotton or fine sponge, and upon this two or three drams of the solution are poured. When occasion for its use occurs the mouth of the bottle is applied to the temple or as near as possible to the seat of pain, so closely that none of the volatile vapour may escape, and retained there four or five minutes or longer. For a minute or so nothing is felt, then comes a sense of tingling, which in a few minutes—three or four usually—becomes rather coarse, but which subsides almost immediately if the bottle be removed, and any redness of the skin that may occur will also quickly subside. It may be re-applied, if necessary, several times in the day, and it generally acts like magic, giving immediate relief.

We believe that this was the basis of a once popular nostrum. The class of headaches to which it seems especially adapted is that which may be grouped under the broad term of "nervous." Thus neuralgic, periodic, and hysterical headaches, and even many kinds of dyspeptic headaches, are almost invariably relieved by it. True the relief of a mere symptom is quite another thing from the removal of the cause, yet no one who has had the distress, and even agony, caused by severe and frequent recurring headaches (and who has not seen it?) but will rejoice to be able to afford relief in so prompt and simple a manner; besides, it is sure to secure the hearty gratitude of the patient if he has suffered long. As to the *modus operandi*, we have nothing more definite than a theory to offer, and that is that the vapour being absorbed through the skin produces a sedative effect upon the superficial nerves of the parts to which it is applied. We know by experiment that its influence is not due to its power as a counter-irritant. We, however, know that it does act, and if we do not clearly see in what way it acts, that is no more than can be said of several other remedies which are firmly established in professional favour and confidence. —Otago Witness.

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